

Claims

1. A diluent for a Norovirus or Sapovirus specimen, containing an alkaline buffer having a pH of 9.0 to 10.0.
2. A specimen diluent as described in claim 1, further containing an animal globulin.
3. A specimen diluent as described in claim 1 or 2, further containing a surfactant.
4. A specimen diluent as described in any one of claims 1 to 3, further containing a water-soluble polymer.
5. A specimen diluent as described in any one of claims 1 to 4, having a salt concentration of 1 to 8% by mass.
6. A reagent for a Norovirus or Sapovirus specimen, containing an anti-Norovirus antibody or an anti-Sapovirus antibody and a specimen diluent as recited in any one of claims 1 to 5.
7. A detection reagent as described in claim 6, further containing a labeled anti-Norovirus antibody or a labeled Sapovirus antibody.
8. A method for detecting a Norovirus or a Sapovirus in a specimen, characterized in that a specimen diluent as recited in any one of claims 1 to 5 is added to the specimen, and the resultant specimen-containing solution is reacted with an immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody or an immobilized anti-Sapovirus antibody.
9. A method as described in claim 8, the specimen-containing solution is simultaneously reacted with an immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody or an immobilized anti-

Sapovirus antibody and with a labeled anti-Norovirus antibody
or a labeled anti-Sapovirus.